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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO U.S. OF GRADUATES OF
ECUADOREAN WAR COLLEGE

REF: QUITO 4029

1. RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH GENERAL MANTILLA OF IAEN
INDICATE HE WOULD LIKE TO SEND A GROUP OF NINE GRADUATES,
OF WHOM SIX WOULD BE CIVILIANS.

2. WE BELIEVE WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
TO AND FROM NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, ARRIVING NORFOLK 26 SEPT,
DEPARTING NORFOLK 11 OCT. GENERAL MANTILLA HAS CONFIRMED
THAT THIS LATER SCHEDULING WOULD BE SATISFACTORY.

3. POST HAS CAREFULLY INVESTIGATED POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING
PORTION OF THIS TRIP FROM INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM
FUNDS, SINCE WE BELIEVE THE GRANTEES INVOLVED ARE HIGH
PRIORITY TARGETS. AT BEGINNING OF PROGRAMMING CYCLE OF
FY 74 IV GRANTS, WE UNDERSTOOD TWENTY-ONE GRANTS MIGHT BE
MADE AVAILABLE. SUBSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO
HAVE SIXTY PERCENT OF OUR GRANTEES READY FOR TRAVEL IN THE
FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR AND LATER THAT ONLY FOURTEEN GRANTS
WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ECUADOR. BECAUSE OF OUR EFFORT
TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE SIXTY PERCENT OF
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THE GRANTEES TRAVEL BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1973, FOLLOWED BY

A SUBSEQUENT CUTBACK IN GRANTS AVAILABLE, WE WERE ALREADY FULLY COMMITTED WHEN THE PROPOSAL FOR THE IAEN TRIP AROSE. THE IAEN GROUP QUALIFIES AS AN EXCELLENT TARGET FOR IV GRANTS WITH EACH GRADUATE ALREADY OCCUPYING A PROMINENT POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE INDUSTRY. IT IS A PRIME LEADERSHIP GROUP WHICH WE WISH TO MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO REACH. WE BELIEVE THAT PARTIAL FUNDING OF THE TRIP WITH CU FUNDS WOULD BE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE AND HIGHLY DESIRABLE IF NECESSARY. IF THE TRIP HAD ARISEN SOONER AND IF THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED NUMBER OF TRAVELERS HAD NOT BEEN GREATER THAN OUR ENTIRE IV BUDGET COULD COVER, WE WOULD HAVE ASSIGNED IT A HIGH PRIORITY IN THE IV PROGRAM.

4. WE BELIEVE VALUE OF PROPOSED TRIP COULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY ENHANCED BY ASSIGNING AN ESCORT OFFICER FROM THIS MISSION. WE PROPOSE TO SEND CAPTAIN FRANK ZINSLER, ALUSNA, IF POSSIBLE. HIS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CAN BE ARRANGED AT NO COST TO POST AND DATT BELIEVES HE COULD FUND MOST OR ALL OF PER DIEM IF NECESSARY. WE COULD NOT COVER COST OF US DOMESTIC TRAVEL FOR ESCORT OFFICER.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE SOONEST IN ORDER THAT GENERAL MANTILLA MAY PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR HIS GRADUATES' TRAVEL.
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